

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1104)

H.R. 3116, to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program. Signed on October 22, 2015. (Public Law 114–72)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 27, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States military strategy in the Middle East, 9 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, S–207, Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement's proposed Stream Protection Rule, 9 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Internal Revenue Service's response to Committee recommendations contained in its August 5, 2015 report, 9 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on the Administration's response to the Syrian conflict, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Breaking the Cycle", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Shortening the Defense Acquisition Cycle", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Game Changers—Undersea Warfare", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Improving Career and Technical Education to Help Students Succeed in the Workforce", 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Common Carrier Regulation of the Internet: Investment Impacts", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "E-manifest: An Update on Implementation", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "The Global Crisis of Religious Freedom", 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Examining the Syrian Humanitarian Crisis from the Ground, Part II", 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on a committee resolution amending Committee regulations to permit officially-sanctioned competitions, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3279, the "Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act"; and H.R. 2834, to enact certain laws relating to the environment as title 55, United States Code, "Environment", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, joint hearing entitled "VA and DoD IT: Electronic Health Records Interoperability", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Review of Progress by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science and Technology Directorate", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled "Maximizing Mentoring: How are the SBA and DoD Mentor-Protégé Programs Serving Small Businesses?", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled "Prevention of and Response to the Arrival of a Dirty Bomb at a U.S. Port", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 27 through October 30, 2015

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 754, Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act. At approximately 11 a.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to a series of amendments to the bill. At 4 p.m., Senate will continue to vote on or in relation to amendments to the bill, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, and then a vote on final passage of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: October 28, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems and the steps being taken to successfully integrate this technology into our National Airspace System, 10 a.m., SD–192.

October 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine realizing the potential of the Department of Energy national laboratories, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: October 27, to hold hearings to examine United States military strategy in the Middle East, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine alternative approaches to defense strategy and force structure, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 28, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the state of rural banking, focusing on challenges and consequences, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 27, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, S-207, Capitol.

October 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2015, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 27, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement's proposed Stream Protection Rule, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: October 27, to hold hearings to examine the Internal Revenue Service's response to Committee recommendations contained in its August 5, 2015 report, 9 a.m., SD-215.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine welfare and poverty in America, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 27, to receive a closed briefing on the Administration's response to the Syrian conflict, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

October 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

October 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Libya, Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, and Kenneth Damian Ward, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, all of the Department of State, and John Morton, of Massachusetts, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as cor-

rected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112-01), protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-08), convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the "proposed Convention") and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111-07), the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed in Washington on February 4, 2010, with a Protocol signed the same day, as corrected by exchanges of notes effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012, and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes (the "related Agreement") on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112-08), the Protocol Amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters, done at Paris on May 27, 2010 (the "proposed Protocol"), which was signed by the United States on May 27, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112-05), the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113-04), the Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 13, 2013, at Warsaw (Treaty Doc. 113-05), and the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the "proposed Protocol"), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114-01), 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 28, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security, to hold hearings to examine retirement plan options for small businesses, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine mental health and substance use disorders in America, focusing on priorities, challenges, and opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 28, to hold hearings to examine the state of our nation's biodefense, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 29, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: October 28, to hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs mental health, focusing on ensuring access to care, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 27, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Big Data and Agriculture: Innovation and Implications", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, October 28, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Transition Assistance Program—A Unity of Effort", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Assessing DOD's Assured Access to Micro-Electronics in Support of U.S. National Security Requirements", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, October 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Restoring the Trust for America's Most Vulnerable", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 28, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3459, the "Protecting Local Business Opportunity Act", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 28, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Breaking Down Barriers to Broadband Infrastructure Deployment", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "Update on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Issues"; markup on S. 611, the "Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 28, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Terror Inmates: Countering Violent Extremism in Prison and Beyond", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the United States Department of Justice", 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 28, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on a discussion draft of the "Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 28, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 3764, the "Tribal Recognition Act of 2015", 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 28, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1219, the "Arbuckle Project Maintenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of 2015; H.R. 1296, to amend the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to clarify certain settlement terms, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3062, the "Assuring Private Property Rights Over Vast Access to Land (APPROVAL) Act", 2:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 28, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "Radicalization: Social Media and the Rise of Terrorism", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, October 28, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "A Review of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.